



## **GOVERNOR'S ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

**General Meeting – August 13, 2014  
9:00 A.M.**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Members Present:** Dr. Craig Barrett (telephonic), Tim Carter, Janna Day (telephonic), Pearl Esau, Dr. Rufus Glasper, Glenn Hamer, Brad Holaway, Superintendent John Huppenthal, Amanda McAdams, Kathy Player (telephonic), Tom Tyree (telephonic), Merl Waschler (telephonic), Sandra Watson (telephonic), and Dr. Jim Zaharis (telephonic).

**Members Absent:** Rep. Jeff Dial (ex-officio), Rep. Doris Goodale (ex-officio), Eileen Klein, Diane McCarthy, Jacob Moore, Colleen Niccum, Onnie Shekerjian, and Kimberly Yee (ex-officio).

**Staff Present:** Dale Frost

### **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**

Dr. Craig Barrett called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and provided welcoming remarks and introduced the purpose of the meeting, which was to receive presentations on the Arizona high school to post-secondary pipeline, Pathways to Prosperity, CTE embedded credits and review the revised reform plan and role of the Council.

Dr. Barrett called for an approval of the May 28, 2014 Council meeting minutes as presented. Brad Holaway motioned for approval and Merl Waschler seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Barrett then called for an approval of the June 10, 2014 Council retreat meeting minutes as presented. Brad Holaway motioned for approval and Sandra Watson seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Presentation: High School to Higher Ed Pipeline**

Dale Frost, Director of the Governor's Office of Education Innovation, presented data regarding Arizona's high school to post-secondary pipeline. Mr. Frost presented the Council with information on the where the "leaks" in the pipeline were, along with high school graduation rate differences between the 2006 and 2013 cohorts on both the County and ethnic levels. Mr. Frost pointed out that the overall percentage of students not graduating on-time has dropped. Mr. Frost then focused on is going on to college focusing on high school college-going rate distributions. Mr. Frost advised that

the data shows that Schools need only send 60% of their high school graduates to post-secondary in order to be in the top quartile of high school for college-going rate and that high schools with larger cohorts have higher high school graduation rates and higher college-going rates.

### **Presentation: Jobs for the Future**

Cathleen Barton then offered a presentation on the Pathways to Prosperity Network, a Jobs for the Future initiative. Ms. Barton updated the Council on the work that the Grad Rate Task Force has done in their recommendation report; Necessary but not sufficient. Ms. Barton advised that as part of that Task Force's work they met with the Harvard Graduate School of Education regarding Pathways to Prosperity and that based off of the successes of the program and the framework of the pathways decided to join with the collaboration efforts of 10 other states. Ms. Barton also shared with the Council the next steps involved with Arizona engagement in this program.

### **Presentation: CTE Imbedded Credits**

Christine Thompson, Executive Director of the Arizona State Board of Education (SBE), and Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Programs and Policy with the Arizona Department of Education, offered an update to the Council regarding embedded Career Technical Education (CTE) credits. Ms. Thompson shared with the Council the work that the SBE has done so far regarding embedded credits advising that the focus is on offering credits across an entire CTE program. Ms. Johnson advised that there is currently a process in place to allow for these CTE programs to be reviewed for course credit consideration. Ms. Johnson advised that so far eight CTE courses have been approved so far to qualify for a fourth year math credit and currently CTE programs are being reviewed for Economic credit consideration.

### **Discussion: Revised Reform Plan and Role of Council**

Mr. Frost addressed the Council again to present the framework for the revised Arizona Ready education plan. Mr. Frost outlined that the revised plan will add a focus on early education and both math and reading readiness for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. These updated goals, along with the continued goals of on-time high school graduation, postsecondary certificates, college transfers, and baccalaureate degrees, will be achieved through 5 new strategies. These strategies include;

- Early Literacy and Mathematics
- Effective Teaching, Resourceful Leadership, and Supportive Communities
- Relevant, Innovative Pathways and Models
- Improved Postsecondary Recruitment, Remediation, Retention, and Re-entry
- Rigorous Standards, Relevant Data, and Meaningful Accountability and Funding Systems

Next Duncan Robb with Education Delivery Institute briefly spoke to the Council about possible changes to the role of the Council. Mr. Robb advised that based off of conversations with Council members and information obtained from other State's P-20 Council he had recommendations for how the Council may be structured in the future. These recommendations were;

- Champions, not advisory
- Move toward permanence
- Conduct more private meetings
- Key questions every meeting

Mr. Robb's time was cut short due to time constraints so Dr. Barrett asked that this discussion continue at the September Council meeting.

**Council Comments**

Dr. Barrett indicated that for the next Council meeting the agenda should only include discussions on the revised reform plan and future role of the Council.

**Public Comments**

There were no requests from the public to address the Council.

**Adjourn**

With no further business before the Council, Dr. Rufus Glasper motioned to adjourn the meeting and Tim Carter seconded, adjourning the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

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